



City of Wichita Stormwater Offsite BMP Program Permit FAQ

- The voluntary offsite BMP Program is intended to provide an alternative to onsite water quality treatment to relieve the cost of water quality compliance for development/redevelopment sites.
- Sediment reduction that was accomplished onsite will now be done upstream in the Little Ark watershed by implementing BMP's, such as no-till farming.
- Developers/Owners pay for establishing and maintaining those offsite BMP's by paying \$19/acre/year for the total project area. It will be billed monthly as a separate line item, 'Water Quality Fund', on the monthly water bill, just like ERU's are charged.
- The monthly fee is ongoing and does not go away. The fee may be periodically adjusted as the program matures. It is expected that the adjustment will be downward, but that is not guaranteed.
- This is a voluntary program, and is an alternative to onsite water quality treatment.
- This program is most applicable to smaller sites that do not require detention or channel bank protection.
- It is thought that larger projects that require detention or channel bank protection will use that pond for water quality treatment also, and avoid paying the permanent offsite fee.
- Temporary BMP's (for example, silt fence) required during construction are still required.



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Q. How will you collect the \$19 per acre per year fee for a site?

A. It will be billed monthly (\$1.58/mo/acre) as a line item on the water bill, very much like ERU charges.

Q. What does the City do with the money?

A. The City will pass through 100% of fees collected to the WRAPS program for acquiring, maintaining, and administering the offsite acreage. The City provided a startup bank of \$60,000, which will be paid back after 10 years.

Q. When can we start enrolling our projects in this program?

A. Enrollment is available now, and billing will begin when 'as built' certification is received.

Q. If a site is required to have detention will it still need an O&M manual?

A. Yes. Only the water quality requirement of the stormwater permit will be eliminated by enrolling in the offsite program. Inspection of a ponds discharge structures and embankments for stability will still be a periodic requirement.

Q. Can I enroll my existing site in the program and remove my water quality unit?

A. That option is not available yet, but we expect to enroll existing sites in the future.

Q. Can land in the County participate in Wichita's offsite program?

A. You will have to check with the County.

Q. Will SNOUTS be required after commitment to join the program?

A. SNOUTS are not required for water quality treatment.



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Q. Has the City Council just adopted new SWPPP regulations that I should be aware of?

A. No this action is for permanent post construction BMPs. Your SWPPP is part of KDHE's NOI construction permit, and has not changed.

Q. Does participation in the offsite BMP Program eliminate construction erosion control BMPs?

A. No.

Q. Does this program eliminate stormwater regulations of channel bank protection and runoff detention?

A. No.

Q. How will sites that are redevelopment be calculated for total project area?

A. All of the pervious area and 30% of the existing impervious area and 100% of the new impervious area that drain into the City's MS4 permit area will be added together to equal the total project area.

Q. Will the Stormwater Manual be amended to include this program as an alternate best management practice?

A. Yes the manual is being amended. The offsite program will be found in Section 3.5 of the Manual. The City's Stormwater Ordinance is also being amended.